

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 12 and 13 were previously canceled

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
administering a beverage composition suitable for human consumption
comprising effective amounts of the following solubilized components:
a calcium compound;
a pH modifying organic acid in an amount up to the equivalent amount of a
calcium of the calcium compound wherein the final pH range is between pH 3 and pH 5; and
inulin,
wherein the effective amounts are sufficient to reduce the risk of bone density
loss.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises
amounts of Vitamin D₃ and Vitamin K.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the beverage composition
further comprises:
a stabilizing agent comprising at least one stabilizer selected from the group
consisting of maltol, carrageenan and maltodextrin, and xanthan gum.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the effective amounts of the
individual components are selected for an individual serving size representing a portion less
than a daily predetermined amount.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises
effective amounts of a magnesium compound.

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6. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises an isoflavone.
7. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
administering a beverage composition suitable for human consumption comprising amounts of the following solubilized compounds:
a calcium compound;
a magnesium compound;
a pH modifying organic acid in an amount up to the equivalent amount of a calcium of the calcium compound wherein the final pH range is between pH 3 and pH 5; and;
a fructo-oligosaccharide.
8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the composition further comprises Vitamin D₃.
9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, wherein the beverage composition further comprises:
a stabilizing agent comprising at least one stabilizer selected from the group consisting of maltol, carrageenan and maltodextrin, and xanthan gum.
10. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the effective amounts of the individual components are selected for an individual serving size representing a portion less than a daily predetermined amount.
11. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the composition further comprises an isoflavone.
14. (Currently Amended) A composition suitable for human consumption comprising a portion of a daily amount of:
a dietary acceptable calcium compound;

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- a dietary acceptable magnesium compound;
a dietary acceptable inulin; and
a pH modifying organic acid in an amount up to the equivalent amount of a calcium of the calcium compound wherein the final pH range is less than pH 5; and,
wherein, when combined in solution, the composition is translucent.
15. (Original) The composition of claim 14, further comprising:
a dietary acceptable Vitamin D₃; and
a dietary acceptable Vitamin K.
16. (Previously Amended) The composition of claim 15, wherein the composition is one of a ready-to-drink solubilized beverage and a soluble beverage preparation.
17. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 15, wherein the composition is a beverage and further comprising:
a stabilizing agent comprising at least one stabilizer selected from the group consisting of maltol, carrageenan and maltodextrin, and xanthan gum, such that each component of the composition is soluble in the liquid.
18. (Previously Amended) The composition of claim 17, further comprising a dietary acceptable isoflavone .
19. (Original) The composition of claim 18, wherein the isoflavone is a soy isoflavone that comprises at least one of a daidzein compound, a genistein compound, and a glycitein compound.
20. (Original) The composition of claim 14, wherein the weight ratio of calcium to magnesium is in the range of five to one and three to one.

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21. (Original) The composition of claim 18, wherein the weight ratio of calcium to isoflavones is in the range of ten to one.

22. (Original) The composition of claim 14, wherein the weight ratio of calcium to inulin is one to ten.

23. (Previously Amended) The composition of claim 14, wherein the magnesium compound further comprises phosphorus.

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